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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND REACTION - CORRECTING UN REFERENCES TO
TAIWAN

REF: SECSTATE 106458

Classified By: Charge David J. Keegan for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[¶1](#). (C) Acting PolEcon Counselor Tom Walsh delivered demarche points (reftel) to Jo McLeod, Policy Officer in the North Asia Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, on August 2.

[¶2](#). (C) The MFAT officials said that they have taken our recommendation under advisement but that they could not immediately commit to make representations to the UNSYG. MFAT told Embassy that they are actively consulting with the NZ mission to the UN on how best to handle this issue. They indicated nonetheless that they completely understand and share our objectives. MFAT has promised to provide a more specific reply as soon as possible.

[¶3](#). (SBU) Background on New Zealand's diplomatic relations with PRC: The Joint Communiqué on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between New Zealand and the People's Republic of China (signed December 1972) sets out the formula for mutual recognition of New Zealand and the PRC. The relevant wording in the Joint Communiqué is as follows: "The Chinese Government reaffirms that Taiwan is an inalienable part of the territory of the People's Republic of China and that Taiwan is a province of the People's Republic of China." The New Zealand Government acknowledges this position of the Chinese Government. The New Zealand Government recognizes the Government of the People's Republic of China as the sole legal government of China."
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